



What Is Delaware Stream Watch?

- Grassroots, volunteer program
- Statewide
- Citizen monitoring
- Education
- Founded in 1985



Stream Watch Programs

- Several hundred volunteers
 - Stream Adoption
 - Technical Monitoring
 - Specialized Surveys
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- No Nature Society membership requirement

Stream Adoption



Supported by DNREC

Over 68 sites statewide & into PA

Free, public training workshops

Accessible, flexible

Data shared with DNREC & other interested parties

Technical Monitoring



- Supported by local industry
- Rigorous - Quality Assurance Project Plan
- Christina River Basin - 38 locations, monthly schedule
- Mispillion Watershed - 5 locations
- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
- Data available to public as well

The Challenges in Sustaining A Successful Monitoring Program

- How to keep volunteers active & engaged
- Keeping the program strong & focused
- How to maintain a successful program after creating it

Partnerships



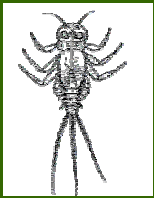
- Primary Partnership
 - DNREC - Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for the State of Delaware
- Other Partnerships
 - Local industry & businesses
 - Environmental groups
 - University of Delaware



Keep volunteers active & engaged

- Offer programs that meet the volunteers needs
- Listen to volunteers
- Have their time be used in a meaningful & useful way
- Show you value their time & efforts & that they are a priority

How to Keep Program Strong & Focused



Volunteers are #1



How to Maintain a Successful Program

